

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A patient positioning device comprising:
a patient positioning plate having an exterior contour adapted to receive a patient thereon to position the patient for interaction with a medical apparatus;
said patient positioning plate being composed of a fiber composite; and
a heating device integrated in said patient positioning plate comprising a planar heating element disposed beneath said exterior contour adapted to interact with the patient on the patient positioning plate to warm the patient.

Claim 2 has been amended as follows:

2. (Currently amended) A patient-positioning device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said heating device is non-removably ~~integrated in~~ built into said patient positioning plate.

Claim 3 has been amended as follows:

3. (Currently amended) A patient positioning device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said heating device comprises a module adapted to be removably inserted in said patient positioning plate so as to be flush with ~~an~~ said exterior contour of said patient positioning plate.
4. (Original) A patient-positioning device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said fiber composite is a carbon fiber composite.
5. (Original) A patient-positioning device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said heating device comprises an electrical conductor disposed in said fiber

composite and electrically isolated from said fiber composite by a composite adhesive.

6. (Original) A patient-positioning device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said heating device comprises a resistive heating layer formed by a conductor system that is transparent to x-rays.

7. (Original) A patient-positioning device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said heating device is comprised of carbon.

8. (Original) A patient-positioning device as claimed in claim 7 wherein said heating device is comprised of carbon fibers.

Claim 9 has been amended as follows:

9. (Currently amended) A medical device comprising:

a unit adapted to receive a patient therein for interacting with the patient for a medical purpose selected from the group consisting of examination and treatment;

a patient-positioning device adapted to move a patient into and out of said unit, said patient positioning device comprising a patient positioning plate having an exterior contour adapted to receive a patient thereon; said patient positioning plate being ~~comprised~~ composed of a fiber composite; and

a heating device integrated into said patient positioning plate, said heating device comprising a planar heating element disposed beneath said exterior contour adapted to interact with the patient on the patient positioning plate to warm the patient.

10. (Original) A medical device as claimed in claim 9 wherein said unit is an x-ray examination device.
11. (Original) A medical device as claimed in claim 9 wherein said unit is a computed tomography device.